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Important exchanges outside the Bilateral Exchange Programme

Sl. No.	Particulars of the Delegation	Date(s) of Visit
	Indian delegations	
1	Tea delegation to China led by Shri V. C. Pande, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.	20th June to 30th June, 1984
2	All India Small and Medium Newspapers' Federation delegation to China.	10th to 20th July, 1984
3	Indian Philatelic delegation to China.	16th to 23rd April, 1985.
4	Delegation from Indian Youth Congress and Democratic Youth Federation of India to China.	10th to 24th May, 1985.
5	Indian Parliamentary delegation on Population and Development to China.	31st May to 15th June, 1985
	Chinese delegations	
1	Chinese delegation led by Mr. Huang Hua to India to attend First Conference of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development.	17th to 20th February, 1984
2	Mr. Yang Xianyi and Mrs. Gladys Yang of Foreign Language Press, Beijing.	March, 1984
3	Mr Wu Xiaoda, Vice President, The Chinese People Institute of Foreign Affairs, Beijing	May, 1984
4	Mr. Chen Zhongjing, Head of the Institute of Contemporary International Relations, Beijing.	March, 1985
5	Mme. Guo Qinglan, (widow of Dr. D.N. Kotnis).	April, 1985

Conspiracy to assassinate Indian Prime Minister

372. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Blitz of the 15th June, 1985 to the effect that F B.I. knew the conspiracy to assassinate Prime Minister of India as early as January, 1985; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) We have seen the news item in the BLITZ dated 15th June 1985 stating that the FBI knew the conspiracy case as early as January 1985.

(b) It seems that the FBI completed their investigation and only then revealed it, as any premature disclosure would effect their investigation, as they were working on all the ramifications of the conspiracy.

The US authorities have informed the Indian Embassy in Washington about the conspiracy case, for which an indictment has been filed in US District Court, Eastern district of Louisiana, on May 9, 1985. Since 5 persons were arrested on May 4, 1985, by the New Orleans police in connection with the conspiracy case and the case in court is being followed by the Federal authorities, we have conveyed to the US authorities that they should have kept us informed about the case earlier so that precautionary measures could have been taken by us sooner. Government is closely watching the developments of the case in the US Federal Court.

Pending applications for Freedom Fighters Pension

373. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for pension from freedom fighters pending disposal; and

(b) the number out of them pending over the three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Out of total of 4,31,053 applications received so far both under the 1972 and 1980 Schemes, pension has been sanctioned to 1,33,733 freedom fighters and the dependents of deceased freedom fighters, 2,01,113 cases have been rejected and 96,207 cases are pending as on 30.6.85 mainly for want of verification reports from the State Governments.

Almost all the cases pending on 30.6.85 are more than 3 years old as the last date of receipt of applications under the 1980 Scheme was 31.3.82.

12.00 Noon

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1985, to Unstarred Question 930, regarding grant of incentives for environmental protection

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): Sir, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1985 to Unstarred Question 930, regarding grant of incentives for environmental Protection.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Summary of Budget Estimates for Revenue and Expenditure (1985-86) of Air-India

II. Summary of Actuals (1983-84), Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates (1984-85) and Budget Estimates (1985-86) of Air-India

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-rule (5) of rule 3 of the Air Corporations Rules, 1954:—

(i) Summary of Budget Estimates for Revence and Expenditure of Air-India for the year 198-86.

(ii) Summary of Actuals for 1983-84. Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates for 1984-85 and Budget Estimates for 1985-86 of Air-India.

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